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TRANSSHIPMENT POINT
CU LAC, NORTH VIETNAM
1736N 10619E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED ACTIVITY AT THE CU LAC TRANSSHIPMENT POINT.

2. LOCATION:

THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IS LOCATED 10 NM SOUTHWEST OF QUANG KHE ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG TROC (RIVER) NEAR THE JUNCTION OF ROUTE 101 AND 137.

3. BACKGROUND:

PRIOR TO 7 DECEMBER 1968 ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF STOCKPILING OF SUPPLIES HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE ROAD AND WATER SERVED CU LAC TRANSSHIPMENT AREA.

4. MISSION READOUT:

MISSION UE/YT 493B, 7 DECEMBER 1968, REVEALS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY BETWEEN UTM COORDINATES XE407479 AND XE417482 ALONG BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 101; FIFTY LARGE STACKS OF SUPPLIES (47 APPEARING ON GRAPHIC) COVERED WITH CANVAS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO RESEMBLE DWELLINGS, NINE LARGE STACKS OF UNCOVERED SACKS OR BAGS, SIX AREAS CONTAINING UNCOVERED CRATES, AT LEAST EIGHT EMPTY STORAGE PLATFORMS AND NUMEROUS 55-GALLON POL TYPE DRUMS IN OPEN STORAGE. NUMEROUS STORAGE OR PERSONNEL HUTS ARE ALSO OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA. NINE CARGO TRUCKS IN A PROBABLE MAINTENANCE AREA, A POL TRUCK, AND ONE CARGO

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TRUCK PROBABLY PREPARING TO LOAD FROM A HALF-COVERED STACK OF SUPPLIES, ARE OBSERVED IN THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA. FIVE CARGO BARGES, ONE PROBABLY BEING UNLOADED, THREE POWER LAUNCHES, AND APPROXIMATELY 36 SAMPANS ARE OBSERVED IN THE SONG TROC (RIVER) AT CU LAC.

5. REMARKS:

CU LAC APPEARS TO BE A STAGING AREA FOR SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR MOVEMENT SOUTH ON ROUTE 137. SUPPLIES ARE PROBABLY BEING SHIPPED FROM QUANG KHE ALONG THE SONG GIANG AND SONG TROC (RIVERS) BY BARGE AND SAMPAN; BY TRUCK OVER ROUTES 139, 1071, 107 AND 101; AND ALSO POSSIBLY FROM THE BAI DUC THON AREA BY TRUCK DOWN ROUTE 101 TO CU LAC. THE SUPPLIES ARE THEN RESHIPED SOUTH DOWN ROUTE 137.

ROUTE 137 SHARES WITH ROUTE 15 THE DISTINCTION OF BEING A MAJOR INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO LAOS.

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